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AND RECORDING MEDIUM**Mail Stop Issue Fee  
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Sir:

I hereby certify that the following items:

1. Applicant's Comments On Examiners Amendment (2 pages)

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**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINERS AMENDMENT**

A Notice of Allowance and Fees Due was issued on September 21, 2005. The Issue Fee, due December 21, 2005, has not yet been paid.

An explanation regarding the Examiner's Amendment which was authorized by the undersigned was provided in the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due (see page 2, ¶1, thereof).

While the amendment itself is accurate, Applicant nonetheless would like to provide the following comments for clarification of the record.

Specifically, on page 2, ¶1 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states that:

...Mr. Manetta was informed that claims 16, 19, 20 and 7 when interpreted properly do not contain allowable subject matter. Mr. Manetta agreed to cancel claim 16 and its dependent claims 19 and 10 [sic], and to amend claim 7 by adding the limitation of its dependent claim 8, which clearly recite the intended invention feature, the setting of different dummy signal accumulation periods for the respectively colors.

On September 7, 2005, the undersigned on behalf of Applicant, authorized for purposes of expediting allowance the cancellation of rejected claims 16, 19 and 20 and the amendment of claim 7. Applicant however, did not agree with the characterization that the canceled claims "when interpreted properly do not contain allowable subject matter" and in fact respectfully had traversed such characterization.

Also, Applicant would like to take the opportunity to point out an apparent typographical error in the incorrect reference to claim 10 being canceled in the above quoted paragraph. Claim 20 is the claim which Applicants authorized to be canceled.

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While no fees are believed necessary for this Amendment, should any fees be required for this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4743.

Respectfully submitted,  
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